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Ms. Terri White (3EA21)  
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Re: Dover Gas Light Superfund Site

Dear Ms. White:

As residents downgradient from and over the plume area of the referenced superfund site we should like to submit the following comments.

We are in mild agreement with EPA in leaning towards the remedial action known as GW-3. We reach this conclusion because we are willing to believe that DNAPLs and PAHs are extremely unlikely to jump out at us from the ground, and holes for trees and flowers will not be so deep as to intrude upon their subterranean lair. We are concerned about the St. Jones River and are hoping that the bottom of the river is indeed relatively impermeable.

We hope and believe these things because we are barely persuaded that that GW-3 or any of the other remedies is going to solve this problem. Anyone who states that the pump and treat wells may have to be in place and working 30 years, 60 years, or until hell freezes over is obviously playing for time with the ardent hope that something more effective can be discovered or that time itself will solve the problem.

With respect to the intercept wells, we need to note that we have a lovely garden graced by more than half a dozen mature trees, several more than a hundred years old. Therefore, the more passive and the less invasive the activity going on down there in the watertable the happier we shall be.

Consequently we find the location of the extraction wells proposed for Area B by the Background and Position Paper Report of the Chesapeake Utilities Corporation somewhat alarming. Several well positions makes the phrase NIMBY literal in our case, and we don't think that we would be at all happy with this.

We are concerned and we wish to be rational. As a clearly affected party, we obviously want to be informed of any and all developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Holly and Charles Johnson

cc: Steve Johnson, Project Officer, DNREC  
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